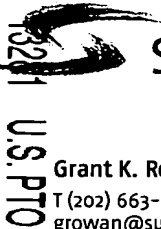


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Re: Application of FUJIOKA, Satoshi, ISHII, Takayuki, SHIMADA, Yoshitaka
RECORDING APPARATUS
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q81013

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 10/041,669 (Confirmation No. 2951) filed January 10, 2002 of FUJIOKA, Satoshi, ISHII, Takayuki, SHIMADA, Yoshitaka entitled RECORDING APPARATUS.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 21 sheets of informal drawings.

The copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and priority documents will be submitted at a later date.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

This is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 10/041,669 filed January 10, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	36	-	20	=	16	x	\$18.00	=	\$288.00
Independent claims	10	-	3	=	7	x	\$86.00	=	\$602.00
Base Fee									\$770.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$290.00
TOTAL FEE									\$1950.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1950.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Japan	2001-002338	January 10, 2001
Japan	2001-009529	January 17, 2001
Japan	2001-383975	December 18, 2001
Japan	2003-105753	April 9, 2003

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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